

Votes and Proceedings, May, 1756.

Richardson and William Galloway, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Members of the Lower House to attend him immediately in the Upper House. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, with the other Members of the Lower House, went to the Upper House, and there presented to his Excellency the several Ingrossed Bills, *viz.*

1. *An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Pence out of the Publick Seal, and Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same.*
2. *An Act for the Continuance of Prerogative in Cecil County March Court, and to cure some Defects that may have happened in the Proceedings of the several County Courts of this Province; and for the Explaining an Act of Assembly, relating to the holding of certain Days, on which the several and respective County Courts, within this Province, are to be held.*
3. *An Act for the sale of certain Inherited Lands, therein mentioned, in the Female Heirs of Leonard Hollyday, Gentleman.*
4. *An Act for the better Regulation of the Justices of Worcester County to levy on the several Parishes of Althellow's Parish, a Sum of Tobacco, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*
5. *An Act for the better Regulation of the Clerk of Anne Arundel County Court to record, among the said County Records, a Deed of Conveyance and Sale from Thomas Larkin, to John Jordan, deceased.*
6. *An Act for empowering the Justices of Somerset County to levy, not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, upon the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, for the Use therein mentioned.*
7. *An Act for settling the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of the Province and the several Indian Nations, and for punishing Trespasses committed on their Lands.*
8. *An Act for punishing an Act entitled, An Act directing the Manner of punishing Fornication and Adultery by the Justices of the Peace out of Court.*
9. *An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners, in the several County Goals, therein mentioned.*
10. *An Act for amending the Act, entitled, An Act for repairing the public Roads in this Province.*
11. *An Act for preventing Indians, affected to the British Interest in America, from coming into this Province, for any other evil Design.*
12. *An Act for the better and frequent Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of John Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.*
13. *An Act to improve the Justices of the several County Courts, to make Provision for the late Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, and for regulating their Conduct.*
14. *An Act for the better Management and Payment of the Public Charge of this Province.*

All which his Excellency passed into Laws in the usual Manner; and made the following SPEECH:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

As you seemed to be persuaded at the Opening of this Session, that a well-armed and well-regulated Militia, would, at this Season, be our best Security, and were pleased to tell me, that a proper Law for that Purpose should be one great Object of your Deliberations, I confess I was a little surprized at your sending me such a Message as you did this Morning, before you have performed what you gave me such Reason to hope and expect; however, as you have intimated, that by putting an End to this Session, I shall do a Thing not less agreeable to your Wishes, than I did in convening you, I will not press you to take that Affair into Consideration till your next Meeting, but shall content myself at present with recommending it particularly to those Gentlemen of each House, that are Commanders and Officers, to have the Militia in their respective Counties, duly Mustered and Exercised, agreeable to our present Laws, which I shall, by Proclamation, order to be strictly put into Execution, till one more perfect and effectual can be made for that Purpose. I hope the Provision that is now made for the Protection of the Inhabitants, will give them some Satisfaction; and though I could wish that a larger Share of the Forty Thousand Pounds, had been appropriated to the immediate Defence of the Frontiers; yet, I hope enough is done to revive the Spirits of the back Inhabitants, and encourage them at least to remain on their respective Plantations. And, Gentlemen, as you have, in the Supply-Bill, signified an earnest Desire to be convened again in the Winter, I propose to gratify you, unless such a Step should then appear unnecessary, or any extraordinary Occurrence oblige me to put the Country to the Expence of a Session before. In the mean Time, I desire you will, in your several Counties, exert yourselves as becomes worthy

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